

The Publications of Ralph S. Kuykendall

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Ralph Simpson Kuykendall was born in Linden, California, on April 12, 1885, to Marilla Pierce and the Reverend John Wesley Kuykendall. His Bachelor of Arts degree was from the College of the Pacific and, after a period of service with the California Historical Survey Commission (1916-1918), he received his Master of Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley. After serving as a graduate assistant in history at Berkeley (1918-1921) and meeting the residence requirements for the doctorate (that he never completed), he was awarded a fellowship from the Native Sons of the Golden West to do research in Spain on Spanish voyages to the Pacific Coast. But when the Hawaii Territorial legislature created an historical commission in 1921, Kuykendall was invited back from Seville to act as Executive Secretary.

After Kuykendall arrived in Honolulu on June 20, 1922, he was given three specific writing assignments: a secondary school history of Hawaii; a history of Hawaii in World War I; and a definitive history of the monarchy. Along the way he edited and published pertinent documents as part of the Historical Commission's reports, and as its executive secretary he took a major part in the Cook Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1928. In 1932, the work of the Commission was transferred to the University of Hawaii and Kuykendall joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 1950, and was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters by the University in 1956. He continued his research and writing after retirement and at his death on May 9, 1963, had completed all but the last chapter of the third volume of his definitive history of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

As a member of the Hawaiian Historical Society for forty years, Professor Kuykendall not only served as president, trustee, secretary, chairman and member of many working committees, he contributed a half-dozen articles for the Society's annual *Reports* and wrote one of the series of *Society Papers*. Because of his long and intimate connection with the Hawaiian historical scene, the trustees believe that the printing of a complete bibliography of his

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publications will not only honor one of the most distinguished members of the Society but will be of service to the members and all others interested in the history of Hawaii.

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